

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kovar et al.**

**Our File: 10-342**

**Serial No: 09/898,379**

**Group: 2633**

**Filed: 07/05/2001**

**Examiner: Dzung D. Tran**

**For: Optical Modulator and Method for Polarization Bit Interleaving**

**Confirmation No: 3611**

**March 22, 2006**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

U.S.A.

**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Filed together with this amendment is a petition for one month's extension of time and the requisite fee.

In response to the Office Action of November 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.